

SENATE RESOLUTION 194

By Norris

A RESOLUTION congratulating the St. George's Independent School boys' golf team upon its capture of the Division II, Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable sports team is the St. George's Independent School boys' golf team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success in the 2007 season and captured its first-ever Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletics Association (TSSAA) Division II, Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, golf is one of the most demanding sports, requiring endless practice, constant focus, and unwavering commitment - characteristics portrayed by each of the St. George varsity golfers throughout their spectacular season; and

WHEREAS, the St. George Independent School varsity golf team is comprised of freshmen Clay Eber, Drew McAlister, Davis McCord, and J.P. Simard; sophomores Hunter Kraus and Matthew Sims; juniors Blake Haase, Blake Hirschman, Brad McCreery, and Austin Sellers; and senior Luke Williams; and

WHEREAS, ably led by coach Jeff Ruffin, the members of the golf team compiled a regular season record of eight wins and three losses before capturing third place in the regional tournament; and

WHEREAS, it was in the state championship, held October 2-3, 2007, on the Old Fort Golf Course in Murfreesboro, that the team truly shined, with team members Hunter Kraus (142), Matthew Sims (164), Blake Hirschman (155), Brad McCreery (165), and Luke Williams

(163) amassing a team score of 623, besting their nearest competitors, the second-place team from First Assembly Christian School, by an incredible thirty strokes; and

WHEREAS, each of the five competing golfers qualified for the All-State Team, and Hunter Kraus's outstanding tournament performance of 142, the result of shooting 72 in the first round and 70 in the second, garnered him the Overall Medalist Honors for Division II A; and

WHEREAS, the golfers of St. George's Independent School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the golf course; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their successes in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the St. George's Independent School golf team for winning the 2007 TSSAA State Championship title and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate the members of the St. George's Independent School boys' golf team on their extraordinary level of success during the 2007 season, applaud their capture of the TSSAA Division II A State Championship, and offer our best wishes for their every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.